PhD in Oncology
The “Course of Excellence in Oncology – Fondation Philanthropia”, a programme dedicated to pushing the boundaries of science, is now recruiting its 5th round of young researchers.

Gustave Roussy, the leading comprehensive cancer centre in Europe, is now recruiting for its 5th round for the “Course of Excellence in Oncology – Fondation Philanthropia”. Doctors, pharmacists and engineers from France and from all over the world who have a Masters degree or equivalent are invited to participate in an unprecedented drive for progress in tackling cancer.

The message of this 2016-2017 campaign, “Breaking boundaries in oncology”, emphasises the commitment of the Course of Excellence in Oncology to cutting-edge, innovative, breakthroughs and ambitious research. This year, 4 high-potential candidates will be chosen to undertake their doctorate degree in a state-of-the-art laboratory at Gustave Roussy, at the heart of France’s Grand Paris.

The “Course of Excellence in Oncology – Fondation Philanthropia” at Gustave Roussy is a 3 year course offering made-to-measure training in research every year in one of the most advanced oncology research laboratories in the world. The Course of Excellence in Oncology has already hosted 14 promising and talented researchers for their doctorate degree.
STRONG SCIENTIFIC MENTORING

Successful candidates will join a team of researchers from Gustave Roussy to undertake their doctorate in those fields where treatment of cancer is being revolutionised, such as immunotherapy, molecular medicine and DNA repair. They will be at the heart of an integrated research centre that incorporates fundamental, translational and clinical research. Each young researcher will be inspired by a strong, ambitious team spirit, and will be supervised and mentored by some of the top names in research, in addition to benefitting from potential collaboration with other international centres of excellence. He/she will be paid over the three-year period of the research contract at a rate of around 2,300 euros per month net, with health insurance included.

SELECTION FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS TRAINING PROGRAMME

Applications are now open until 15 February 2017. Candidates can apply directly at www.phd-in-oncology.com. Selection will be performed by a scientific committee and will be based on curriculum vitae and research projects submitted. The committee will shortlist 8 candidates for interviews, with final appointments in April 2017. Of the 4 candidates who are finally chosen, half will come from outside France and all efforts will be made to achieve gender parity.

All the information about the recruitment process, current research areas and members of the scientific committee can be found on the PhD in Oncology website.

AN EYE-CATCHING CAMPAIGN WITH A REFRESHING APPROACH

The campaign for recruiting the 2016-2017 intake uses the title “Breaking boundaries in oncology”. With a clear nod to the format favoured by TV series, the campaign visuals depict a new generation of researchers from previous participants in the Course of Excellence, accompanied by their mentor. Featuring on social media, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, it sets out to grab people’s attention and convey the commitment to “unlimited ambition” that underpins the Course of Excellence in Oncology. A campaign trailer in a similar vein is also being broadcast.

Established with the support of the Fondation Philanthropia within the School of Cancer Sciences (Gustave Roussy/University Paris-Sud), this programme invests in oncology training for the upcoming generation, which is an essential condition for ensuring the constant renewal of innovations, in both research and care, to push back cancer.
An umbrella foundation linked to Lombard Odier, the Fondation Philanthropia helps its donors achieve their philanthropic ambitions in all areas of civic engagement, such as art and culture, social outreach, the environment and medical research. Since 2008, the Fondation Philanthropia has committed more than 40 million Swiss francs to around sixty organisations, with over 12 million donated specifically to combat cancer.

The Fondation Philanthropia is one of Gustave Roussy’s most important patrons. In 2013, it made a four-year, 5.45 million euros commitment to enhance the development of personalised medicine at the institute. Since then, it has funded research students on the “Course of Excellence in Oncology – Fondation Philanthropia”, providing a total of 2 million euros over three years. In 2014, the Fondation Philanthropia also enabled the institute to purchase the latest surgical robot, the Da Vinci Xi, for the sum of 2.785 million euros.

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MORE INFORMATION:
- School of Cancer Sciences
- Doctoral School of Oncology
- Paris-Sud Medical School

Gustave Roussy, the leading comprehensive cancer centre in Europe, is an internationally recognised, patient-oriented cancer institute. It brings together 3,000 health professionals to focus on care, research and teaching. Gustave Roussy devotes more than 25% of its budget to research, reflecting its commitment to make research an innovative driving force for the benefit of patients.

As a driver of progress, Gustave Roussy brings together talented professionals in order to invent, innovate and become the symbol of advanced medicine that will revolutionise oncology. Personalised medicine is one of the major priorities for fighting cancer at Gustave Roussy. In 2016, 815 patients took part in a trial of personalised medicine. Gustave Roussy has always been at the forefront of immunotherapy, and has pushed hard to accelerate its development. Incentivised by the prospect of new therapeutic horizons, the institute includes a programme specially devoted to this area. By the end of 2016, 80 clinical trials will be open to patients, making Gustave Roussy the largest immunotherapy centre in Europe.

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